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After reading all the Microsoft competition gobbledegook parroted by the Justice Department in their case against Microsoft I think the settlement reached between Microsoft the Justice Department and 9 of the 18 states arrayed against Microsoft is a more than adequate punishment for a company which literally outcompeted its competitors. I don't know what is going through the minds of Justice Department officials when they take the word of failing competitors against one of if not the most successful company in the United States Microsoft and attempt to impose penalties which handicap Microsoft and provide Microsoft's intellectual property to their competitors so that those competitors can MAYBE compete successfully against Microsoft. The 9 states which did not accept the settlement are those states in which Microsoft's main failing competitors have their home offices and those states are bowing to pressure from those companies to eliminate their competition for them. Microsoft has always provided some of the best most innovative software at reasonable prices to their users. Those that say otherwise obviously have an axe to grind. The settlement reached between the Government 9 states and Microsoft is MORE THAN FAIR to the prosecution will benefit educational institutions and will be beneficial to those crybaby corporations who were unable to compete fairly with Microsoft.